

Interview Summary

Application No.

09/820,933

Applicant(s)

MAKINO, HIDEYO

Examiner

Hai C Pham

Art Unit

2861

All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

(1) Hai C Pham. (3) _____

(2) Katherine Pauley, Applicant's Representative. (4) _____

Date of interview: 23 September 2003.

Type: a) ☐ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference
c) ☒ Personal [copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☒ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No.
If Yes, brief description: _____

Claim(s) discussed: 1.

Identification of prior art discussed: Naiki et al. (U.S. 6,101,018).

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☒ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: See Continuation Sheet.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

THE FORMAL WRITTEN REPLY TO THE LAST OFFICE ACTION MUST INCLUDE THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. (See MPEP Section 713.04). If a reply to the last Office action has already been filed, APPLICANT IS GIVEN ONE MONTH FROM THIS INTERVIEW DATE, OR THE MAILING DATE OF THIS INTERVIEW SUMMARY FORM, WHICHEVER IS LATER, TO FILE A STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. See Summary of Record of Interview requirements on reverse side or on attached sheet.

Examiner Note: You must sign this form unless it is an Attachment to a signed Office action.



Examiner's signature, if required

Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Applicant's Representative argues that based on Naiki et al., the laser printer starts to turn ON/OFF the laser sources based on a signal sent by a host computer, but not based on the internal clock generator. The examiner disagrees. The host computer only sends an instruction to the laser printer to start the printing operation and the laser sources are turned ON/OFF based on the input image data provided by the host computer, and the writing operation of each laser source is performed in synchronization with the internal clock generator.